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FACT SHEET: Katrina

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Emergency Relief Aid

- More than **\$100 million** is being sent to cash-strapped local governments in Louisiana for expenses they've incurred during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
 - This is in addition to the **\$218 million** in federal aid that has already been disbursed.
- To date, the Louisiana Department of Social Services has certified **305,845** households (with an average of 3 family members per HH) for total Disaster Food Stamp benefits of more than **\$111 million**.
- To date, the Louisiana Department of Labor has received **178,807** Katrina-related claims and paid more than **\$32 million** in Unemployment Insurance and Disaster Unemployment Assistance benefits.

Evacuation Operations Prior to Katrina's Landfall

- The Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) estimates more than **1.2 million people** were evacuated from the metro New Orleans area between 9 am Saturday and 5 pm Sunday following Governor Blanco's State of Emergency declaration on Friday, August 26th, **3 days prior to the landfall of Hurricane Katrina**.
- Dixon Correctional Institute assisted in the evacuation of a New Orleans area nursing facility, transporting **187 patients and staff** to a facility in Jackson, Louisiana (pre-Katrina landfall).

Critical Operations after Katrina Made Landfall

- To date, the National Guard has rescued **more than 4,200 citizens** from the Greater New Orleans area.
 - The Department of Wildlife & Fisheries estimates more than **21,000** lives have been saved through DWLF coordinated search and rescue operations.
 - After Katrina made landfall, the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals (DHH) working with LSU and other agencies, **fully evacuated** more than **10,000 patients** and caregivers in all the hospitals throughout the greater New Orleans area.
**DHH also set up a network of health care providers throughout the state to treat evacuated patients.*
 - After Katrina made landfall, the National Guard assisted in processing approximately **70,000** evacuees through the New Orleans Convention Center and Superdome.
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Critical Operations after Katrina Made Landfall (continued)

- After Katrina made landfall, the State of Louisiana coordinated the use of more than **450 busses** from schools and municipalities across the state to transport more than **15,000 evacuees** from the Greater New Orleans area.
- DOC successfully evacuated more than **8,000 inmates** from Jefferson and Orleans parish without serious injury, escape or death **over a 72 hour period** in the days following Katrina's landfall.

Boots on the Ground

- To date, there are **18,000*** National Guard troops in Louisiana ready to respond.
Of these, the National Guard has dedicated **4,000** troops to Task Force Rita.
- **National Guard primary missions** continue to be: saving lives (including providing meals, water, and ice to personnel), enforcing security, evacuating residents, and supporting existing critical infrastructures
- In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the National Guard delivered the following to citizens in need:
 - More than **5 million meals**
 - More than **6 million liters of water**
 - More than **12 million pounds of ice**
- The National Guard is managing more than **19 distribution points** in **10 parishes** providing critical commodities (such as baby kits, ready to eat meals, water and ice) to citizens in need.

Emergency Medical Assistance

- Air National Guard medical personnel have treated nearly **13,000** patients affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- To date, DHH has triaged more than **20,000** patients through special triage hospitals in Baton Rouge and Thibodaux.
- To date, DHH has handled offers from more than **2,500** medical volunteers (doctors, nurses, medical supplies), resulting in the credentialing of more than **400 doctors and 400 nurses** coming to the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- DHH Offices* are providing more than **350 counseling hours-per-day** to the Special Needs Shelter population.

**Office of Mental Health and the Human Service Districts and Authorities*

Support Services

- Through the Find Family Call Center, DHH has **reunited 759 displaced citizens** with their family members.
- **50** Probation and Parole agents drove their state cars to transport approximately **300 “walking wounded”** (injured, but not critical care patients) from the greater New Orleans area to medical facilities in Baton Rouge for additional medical care.
- To date, the Louisiana State Police (LSP) has supplied thousands of local, state and federal support vehicles traveling into affected areas with more than **163,138 gallons of gasoline**.
- The Louisiana Department of Insurance has assisted more than **7,000 consumers** seeking homeowner, auto and property insurance information.

Getting Back to Business

- **14,000 businesses** from all affected regions have filed applications with SBA/FEMA.
- To date, Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED) has **served more than 6,200 Louisiana businesses** with relocation assistance through AccessLouisiana.
- To date, LED has successfully coordinated the delivery of more than **700 temporary housing units** for employees of critical industries.

Educating Katrina’s Children

- To date, **more than 39,000** displaced students **have re-enrolled** in operating school systems statewide.
- To date, the Louisiana Department of Education (DOE) has **assisted** more than **200,000 parents, teachers & students** seeking school information
 - DOE Call Center has answered approximately **12,700 phone calls**
 - www.louisianaschools.net has logged more than **168,000 hits**
 - www.teachlouisiana.net has:
 - Registered more than **4,000 teachers** who have been displaced
 - Identified more than **1,600 teachers/ employees** who are searching for jobs in the areas in which they are seeking temporary shelter
 - DOE Temporary Information Center has serviced more than **800 walk-ins**

Louisiana Colleges & Universities

- More than **8,600 students** displaced by Hurricane Katrina have re-registered at public and private Louisiana colleges and universities.

This information was submitted by various state agencies and compiled by the Governor’s Office.

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